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MARYLAND CORRECTIONS OFFICER INDICTED FOR FALSE STATEMENTS

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that yesterday a federal grand jury indicted Crystal Gatling, age 33, of Baltimore, for making a false statement in a questionnaire for renewal of public housing to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The one-count indictment charges that Gatling told HUD that she did not receive or anticipate receiving salaries or wages, when she was actually receiving a salary of \$34,151 from the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. Gatling was arrested this morning and an initial appearance is scheduled at 3:15 p.m. before a magistrate judge in federal court.

The defendant faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, followed by three years of supervised release.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

The criminal charges in this indictment are the result of an investigation by the Office of the Inspector General of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City and the United States Attorney's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephanie A. Gallagher.